



Class 3: “I Go To Prepare a Place For You”

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

From a temporal to an eternal abode

From the natural to the spiritual

From the one to the multitudinous

Last Friday AM (Oops! Forgot I included this slide! Sorry!



- Joh 1:38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) **where dwellest thou?**
- Joh 1:39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw **where he dwelt,** and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.



“Where dwellest thou?”

Jesus did not tell them where, but asked them to “Come and see,” probably because the house where he was staying would not be capable of description in the way of address. It would be one of the many temporary booths erected without much plan or order all round the place where John was baptising, and let to visitors from a distance. **A dwelling place among such structures could only be got at by the help of a guide.** This guide was Jesus himself, with whom “they came and saw where he dwelt,” and not only saw, but “abode with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour,” that is, four o’clock in the afternoon. What an honor for these two young men (Andrew and John): Christ’s guests under Christ’s own roof (even if only a hired one), for one night! What would we not give for such an opportunity now? He is away, and we are out in the dark—loving, and longing, and seeking, but unable to find our beloved in all the city.

We are like Solomon's sister-spouse: Yea, we are she (or constituents of her): "My beloved had withdrawn himself and was gone; my soul failed while he spake. I sought him, but I could not find him. I called him back, but he gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me. They smote me: they wounded me. The keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him I am sick of love. What is thy beloved more than another beloved?" (Song 5:6–9). Well, our opportunity is coming and is not very far off. If we are accepted, Christ will actually be the host of the great house into which we shall be invited, as he himself has promised: "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Verily, I say unto you that he shall gird himself and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37). (R.R. "Naz. Rev.")

John 2:13-22 -My Father's House

Joh 2:13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

Joh 2:14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

Joh 2:15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Joh 2:16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; **make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

Joh 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, **The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.**

Joh 2:18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

Joh 2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

Joh 2:21 But **he spake of the temple of his body.**

Joh 2:22 When therefore **he was risen from the dead**, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and **they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.**

Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Joh 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Joh 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Exo. 15 - The Song of Moses

- Exo. 15:2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, **and I will prepare him an habitation;** my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- **Exo 15:12** Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.
- **Exo. 15:13-18** Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: **thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.**

Deu 12:5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, *even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:*

Deu 12:6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

Deu 12:7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

Deu 12:8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.

Deu 12:9 For **ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.**

Deu 12:10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from **all your enemies** round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

Deu 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to **cause his name to dwell there**; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

Deu 12:12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

- Num 1:50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.
- Num 1:51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Num 10:33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to *search out a resting place for them*.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, *Return*, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Jesus, the Typical Ark - Num. 10:33

The Ark was moved to the forefront of the marching tribes for the three days specified in the verse. In other words, this was a temporary arrangement designed to show Moses, among other things, that he did not need the eyes of Hobab to search out the land, for the nation not only had the cloud to guide them in a general way, but he had recourse to "The Voice of Yahweh" over the Ark of the Covenant, if more specific instructions were required. Yahweh had promised that He would "commune" with Moses from that holy place in the midst of Israel (Exod. 25:22). Such an occasion was now. The people were excited at the prospect of leaving Horeb for the journey to the Promised Land, but were somewhat fearful as well. They did not know what dangers they might encounter. The Amalekites had previously attacked them (Exod. 17) and might do so again. For all Israel knew, they may have been waiting for them to leave the shelter of Horeb for that purpose. Certainly, there was a state of total hostility between the two nations (Exod. 17:16; 1 Sam. 15:1-3). There could be other enemies as well. It was most likely that it was a realization of these possibilities that caused Moses to seek the aid of Hobab. Therefore, to provide reassurance to the people in this initial movement, the Ark preceded them to search out the way, as it did, later, when the new generation passed over the River Jordan (Josh. 3:3-4). It is obvious from the instructions of Joshua that this was not the normal position of the Ark. The prayer of Moses (v. 36) likewise suggests that this was not the normal position of the Ark.

The Ark a Type of Christ

There is a remarkable type suggested by this incident.

The Ark foreshadowed Christ.

Paul states that he is our mercy seat (rendered *propitiation* — Rom. 3:25).

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a *propitiation* through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

The Ark a Type of Christ

At his first advent, he went a "three days journey" seeking a resting place for his people, as did the Ark in the wilderness.

Thence afterwards, as in the wilderness wanderings the Ark was hidden in the midst of the marching tribes, the Lord having ascended into heaven, was found in manifestation hidden in the Ecclesias.

That is the case today awaiting his return.

VERSE 35

"And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Yahweh, and let Thine enemies be scattered: and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee" — It was obvious from this prayer that there was a general fear of enemy action. The Israelites were in the area of the Amalekites who possibly would want to avenge their previous defeat, and these

Joh 1:14 And^{G2532} the^{G3588} Word^{G3056} was made^{G1096} flesh,^{G4561} and^{G2532} dwelt^{G4637} among^{G1722} us,^{G2254} (and^{G2532} we beheld^{G2300} his^{G846} glory,^{G1391} the glory^{G1391} as^{G5613} of the only begotten^{G3439} of^{G3844} the Father,)^{G3962} full^{G4134} of grace^{G5485} and^{G2532} truth.^{G225}

The word, dwelt (G4637) in the Gr. means to *tent* or *encamp*, that is, (figuratively) to *occupy* (as a mansion) or (specifically) to *reside* (as God did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol for protection and communion): - dwell.

So the Logos, or the Word, as God tabernacled in the flesh of Jesus as he walked and lived among men. The only way the Logos could have been IN Christ Jesus was by the daily transmission of the ideas contained in the writings of the Old Testament scrolls into the mind of Jesus as a babe, as a toddler, as an adolescent, as a teenager, as a young adult and so on.

It didn't occur magically or mysteriously. It took the diligent and deliberate instruction from his mother and guardian, Joseph to see that he was properly schooled and immersed in the Word of God. They would have done this at home, in the local synagogue in Nazareth, by taking him to the Temple three times a year, by keeping Jesus constantly associated with those who loved and spoke of the Word in their own lives.

In Col. 1:19 we read of the fulness of God DWELLING in him.

"For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell;"

This English word, 'dwell' is from a different Greek word that speaks of not a temporary dwelling as in a tent or tabernacle but rather a more permanent dwelling place, eg. a permanent temple like the one built for the glory of God which King Solomon built. A temple that types the collective consciousness of that multitude to be redeemed in Christ Jesus at the fulfilled purpose and plan of God. When God is all and in all. (See Rev. 21:1-3 below)

katoikeō - From G2596 and G3611; to *house permanently, that is, reside* (literally or figuratively): - dwell (-er), inhabitant (-ter).

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

1 Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 Jn 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 Jn 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

- The "Father's House" not merely a 3D building but more importantly it suggests a household bearing the Name of the Father composed of men and women of a godly nature.
- Christ is the "door", the "way" and the pattern by which we enter.

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

Heb 8:2 A **minister of the sanctuary**, and of **the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

Heb 8:4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

Heb 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

The Lord Lives In 2 Places

- **Isa 57:15** For thus said the high and exalted One, **Inhabiting eternity**, and holy is His name: `In the high and holy place I dwell, **And with the bruised and humble of spirit**, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of bruised ones,' (YLT)

Isa 66:1 This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. **Where is the house that you would build for me, and where will my resting place be?**

Isa 66:2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came into being," declares the LORD. **"But this is the one to whom I will look favorably: to the one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at my message.**

The Foundation Stone

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Isa 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Isa 28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

Isa. 32:2 - A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind (every wind of doctrine), and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Psa 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, **thy habitation**;

Psa 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Psa 91:11 **For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**

Psa 91:12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Psa 91:14 **Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.**

Psa 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psa 91:16 With **long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.**

Isa 56:3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

Isa 56:4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

Isa 56:5 Even unto them will I give **in mine house and within my walls** a place and a name *better than of sons and of daughters*: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Isa 56:6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Isa 56:7 Even them will **I bring to my holy mountain**, and **make them joyful in my house of prayer**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isa 56:8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

Paul's Analogy of a "Great House"

- **2 Ti 2:19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
- **2 Ti 2:20** But **in a great house** there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
- **2 Ti 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.
- **2 Ti 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Co 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

1 Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

1 Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1 Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1 Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1 Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

1 Co 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

1 Ti 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.